

## RESOLUTION FOR AMBASSADOR MATTIE R. SHARPLESS

**WHEREAS**, the Person County Board of Commissioners acknowledged and supported a request to dedicate a section of N.C. Highway 57 in Person County to commemorate First Lieutenant Guy J. Winstead, a World War I veteran; and

**WHEREAS**, First Lieutenant Winstead was born on August 29, 1896, in the Olive Hill community. He joined the United States Army and served with Company C, the 38th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Division, American Expeditionary Forces, near Chateau-Thierry, France during June and July 1918; and

**WHEREAS**, First Lieutenant Winstead led four patrols across the Marne River while exposed to heavy enemy machine-gun fire. On the second of these patrols, the boat was sunk and it was necessary to swim the river. While within the enemy lines, he and five others raided a German outpost, killing five of the enemy, and, in spite of heavy enemy fire, returned with a prisoner; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 15, 1918, First Lieutenant Winstead was killed in action by enemy fire shortly after leading his platoon under gas and shell fire to a position on a hill; and

**WHEREAS**, First Lieutenant Winstead was awarded posthumously by the President of the United States and authorized by the Act of Congress, the Distinguished Service Cross, the second highest award for heroism presented to a combat Army veteran; and

**WHEREAS**, the Person County Board of Commissioners requested the N.C. Board of Transportation's consideration to approve and designate a section of N.C. Highway 57 between Thomas Road (S.R. 1200) and the intersection of Concord Church Road (S.R. 1300) and Concord Ceppo Road (S.R. 1340) in honor of First Lieutenant Guy J. Winstead.

### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names a section of N.C. Highway 57 between Thomas Road (S.R. 1200) and the intersection of Concord Church Road (S.R. 1300) and Concord Ceppo Road (S.R. 1340) as the ***First Lieutenant Guy J. Winstead Highway***.

That appropriate signs will be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted this the 4th day of January 2018 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary of Transportation